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SUBJECT: DRAFT U.S.-ISRAELI NUCLEAR POWER AGREEMENT

REF: TEL AVIV 2671

1. EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM ADAR OF ISRAELI ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION THAT DEPARTMENT READ WITH INTEREST SCIATT'S ACCOUNT OF HIS CONVERSATION WITH ADAR ON APRIL 12. WE ARE ENCOURAGED WITH ADAR'S STATEMENT THAT THERE ARE NO MAJOR ISSUES REGARDING PENDING DRAFT AGREEMENT ALTHOUGH IAEC DIRECTOR EILAM STILL HAS SOME CONCERNS.

2. YOU SHOULD ADD THAT WE AWAIT WITH INTEREST GOI'S FURTHER COMMENTS ON DRAFT AGREEMENT. GOI SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT RAPID ACTION WILL BE NECESSARY TO REACH A MEETING OF MINDS IF THE AGREEMENT IS TO BE CONCLUDED DURING THE CURRENT YEAR. OUR PRESENT ANTICIPATION IS THAT

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CONGRESS MAY ADJOURN BY EARLY OCTOBER (OR ABOUT A MONTH

BEFORE THE ELECTIONS). THAT MEANS WE WOULD HAVE TO REACH
A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE ISRAELIS BY MAY 30 SO AS
TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR THE 60-DAY STATUTORY
PERIOD THAT HAS TO BE ALLOWED FOR HAVING A CONGRESSIONAL
REVIEW WHILE CONGRESS IS IN SESSION, BEFORE THE

AGREEMENT CAN COME INTO FORCE. THIS TIMETABLE (WHICH DOES
NOT ALLOW MUCH MARGIN FOR SLIPPAGE) TAKES INTO ACCOUNT
EXPECTED CONGRESSIONAL RECESS FOR POLITICAL
CONVENTIONS AND THE NEED TO ALLOW AMPLE TIME FOR
CONSULTATIONS WITH KEY CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS.

3. FYI: IT CONTINUES TO BE OUR OBJECTIVE TO SUBMIT THE
PROPOSED U.S. AGREEMENTS WITH ISRAEL AND EGYPT
SIMULTANEOUSLY TO THE CONGRESS. WE BELIEVE CONCLUSION OF
NEGOTIATIONS WITH EGYPT IS NOW IN SIGHT. ONCE A U.S.-
EGYPTIAN DRAFT TEXT IS AGREED, WE SHALL SEND YOU AN
IDENTICAL VERSION TO PASS TO GOI, WHICH WE BELIEVE WILL
FIND ALL THE RECENT MODIFICATIONS IN ITS INTEREST.
END FYI. ROBINSON

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